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TO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: LUMBER GRADING AND REINSPECTION ISSUES WITH
JAPANESE

REF: A) MTN GENEVA 7997, B) STATE 259660
FOR US DEL MTN

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1. MR. SUSUMU MATSUOKA, AGATT OF JAPANESE EMBASSY MET WITH
J. MCGUIRE, CHIEF U.S. FOREST SERVICE, A REP. OF WESTERN
WOOD PRODUCTS ASSOC.; AND REPS OF INTERESTED U.S.G.
AGENCIES ON NOV. 4 TO DISCUSS LUMBER STANDARDS, INSPECTION
AND LABELING ISSUES. JAPANESE TARIFFS ON LUMBER WERE
DISCUSSED BRIEFLY BUT AGREEMENT REACHED THAT THIS ISSUE
WOULD BEST BE RESOLVED AS PART OF MTN IN GENEVA.

2. MATSUOKA STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS
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IN TOKYO BETWEEN GOJ AND AN AMERICAN TRADE MISSION (PACIFIC

NORTHWEST COMMISSION), HIS GOVT. NOW FELT THAT THERE WAS UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS BY BOTH SIDES AND THEREFORE NO NEED TO PURSUE IDEA OF A JOINT TECHNICAL GROUP. MCGUIRE STRESSED THAT CLARIFICATION OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS WAS ONLY FIRST STEP AND THAT IN U.S. VIEW, TECHNICAL GROUP STILL ESSENTIAL TO RESOLVE ISSUES. DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUES AND A PROPOSAL BY US THAT A GROUP BE

ESTABLISHED TO PROPOSE SOLUTIONS WITH A FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD IN JAPAN. A LATER MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN THE U.S. AND WOULD GIVE THE JAPANESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE CONDUCT OF QUALITY CONTROL IN THIS COUNTRY. MATSUOKA AGREED TO CONVEY U.S. POSITION TO TOKYO.

3. DEPT. APPRECIATES INTEREST AND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE REF A. BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR, AT THIS STAGE, THAT INTERVENTION EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL BY MISSIONS IS REQUIRED. POSTS WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS. KISSINGER

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